

**DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT
WITH ADJUSTABLE SIDE PANELS**

ABSTRACT

An absorbent article is provided that comprises a main body having a first main body waist portion, a second main body waist portion and a crotch region disposed between the first and second main body waist portions. The main body has orthogonal longitudinal and lateral axes. The absorbent article further comprises a pair of side panels, each side panel connecting the first main body waist portion to the second main body waist portion. The first main body waist portion, the second main body waist portion and the side panels collectively define a waist opening edge and two leg opening edges. Each side panel is formed from a first side portion extending laterally outward from the first main body waist portion and a second side portion extending laterally outward from the second main body waist portion. The first side portion is attached to the second side portion by a side seam intersecting the waist opening edge at a first seam angle and intersecting one of the leg openings at a second seam angle when the first and second side portions are in a fully stretched condition. . The absorbent article also comprises an adjustment arrangement including at least one adjustment tab associated with one of the side panels. Each of the at least one adjustment tab includes the side seam of the associated side panel and extends outward therefrom. Each of the at least one adjustment tab has a lateral tab edge. The adjustment arrangement also includes at least one adjustment tab fastener adapted for removably attaching the at least one adjustment tab to a receiving portion of the main body.